# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER SERVICES IN ARIZONA

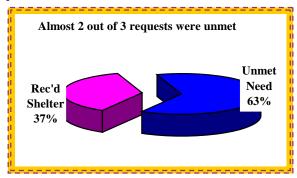
STATEWIDE SUMMARY

July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

As reported by the 32 residential shelters and safe home networks accounting for 735 beds.

# **Requests for Shelter**

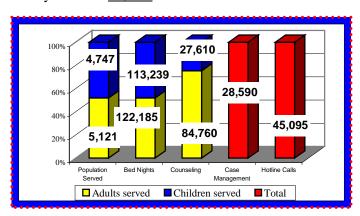
During the year  $\underline{25,247}$  women and children requested shelter, of those  $\underline{9,721}$  received shelter. Shelter was unavailable to  $\underline{15,526}$  women and children at the time of request.



# **Shelter Services**

Emergency shelter is provided through permanent shelters, safe home networks and motels.

Staff and volunteers responded to <u>44,493</u> calls for emergency shelter and information and referral. In addition, CONTACS, a centralized hotline in Maricopa County received 10,948 calls.



Emergency shelter and supportive services were provided to 9,721 women and children who received -231,333 nights of safety in emergency shelter, 124,778 hours of individual and group advocacy and education, and 31,482 hours of case management.

### **Unmet Need for Service**

Shelters reported that the top unmet need for the victims was affordable housing. Transportation, financial assistance, childcare and legal services, also represented a high proportion of need.

# **System Intervention (2003 Data)**

Shelters reported that: 2,308 victims indicated that a report had been made to law enforcement during one of the domestic violence incidents.

- 434 victims and 2,395 perpetrators had been arrested during an incident.
- <u>1,630</u> of the victims had obtained an Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment.
- 2,324 of the victims reported that at some point they had sought emergency medical intervention as a result of the violence or discussed domestic violence with a medical professional.

# **Demographics**

#### Age of Primary Client and Children

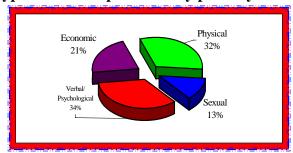
0-2 3-5 6-12 13-17 18-29 30-44 45-59 60+ 13.6% 11.6% 17.5% 3.9% 20% 27.1% 5.9% 0.4% Income Status

68% reported an average annual income of \$6,000 or below. 83% reported \$14,000 or below.

#### **Ethnicity**

White	39.4%	Hispanic	36.6%
Black	9.8%	Asian	.6%
Native American	10.8%	Mixed	2.8%

#### Type of abuse experienced by primary client



#### **Outcome Status**

Average length of stay in shelter is <u>25</u> days.

Upon exit from the shelter,  $\underline{65\%}$  remained in a safe environment,  $\underline{43.8\%}$  set up their own household or moved in with relatives or friends,  $\underline{16.6\%}$  moved on to other shelter programs, and in  $\underline{4.6\%}$  of the households the batterer moved out.  $\underline{9.5\%}$  returned to the previous situation. The status was unknown for  $\underline{25.5\%}$ .